

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 23 and 24 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 10 and 32 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence that encodes [[a]] the bacterial dnaJp1 peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claims 11-17 (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 32, wherein the polynucleotide further encodes at least one dnaJ peptide other than dnaJp1.

19. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 18, wherein the at least one other dnaJ peptide is a human dnaJ protein.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 10, wherein the encoded dnaJp1 peptide is derived from a naturally occurring dnaJp protein that is encoded in the genome of a bacteria selected from at least one of the genera consisting of *Escherichia*, *Lactococcus*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus*, and *Salmonella*.

Claims 23-31 (Canceled)

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32. (Previously Presented) A recombinant gene expression vector containing [[a]] the polynucleotide of claim 10.